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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
YASUJI HIRAMATSU : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
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FOR: CERAMIC HEATER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 3-5 as follows:

3. (Amended) The ceramic heater according to claim 1,
wherein the opposite side to the face where said resistance heating element is formed
of said ceramic substrate is a heating face.

4. (Amended) The ceramic heater according to claim 1,
wherein the thickness of said insulating layer is from 0.1 to 1000 μm .

5. (Amended) The ceramic heater according to claim 1,
wherein the volume resistivity of said insulating layer is not less than 10 times larger
than the volume resistivity of said ceramic substrate.

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Amend A
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